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REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen's Accounts,

AND THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM, N. H.,

From March 6, 1868, to March 3, 1869.

DOVER, N. H.
H. H. GOODWIN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1869.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Joseph S. Burnham, Treasurer for 1868 *in account with the Selectmen of Durham.*

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

E. J. Parsons damage on plough in 1866,	1 00	
Barrington tax 1867,	2 93	
Joseph W. Coe supplies furnished town farm 1867,	12 86	
Jacob Thompson setting boundary stone 1866,	5 00	
M. O. Hodgdon service as police officer 1867,	6 00	
H. H. Goodwin printing town accounts,	32 00	
Ebenezer Thompson Insurance bill Jan. 1868,	6 08	
Cha's H. Trickey supplies furnished town farm 1866,	6 13	
Auditor's services 1868,	4 00	
		76 00

BREAKING ROADS.

Nathan Walker,	10 00	
John Long,	5 00	
D. P. Bickford,	10 50	
Benjamin Williams,	2 00	
N. P. Wiggin,	3 00	
Albert Demeritt,	2 56	
E. M. Davis,	2 90	
Joseph W. Woodman,	2 67	
G. J. Wiggin,	1 42	
Tobias Bunker,	1 00	
Thomas H. Wiswall & Co.,	2 00	
Michael McKone,	3 83	
John S. Chesley,	11 00	
Joseph C. Bartlett,	2 00	
		59 88

ABATEMENTS.

In Lafayette Hall's list for 1867.

Samuel Doe left town,	3 20	
Asa Miller,	3 20	
Cha's Watson,	3 20	
John Hogan,	3 20	
Nath'l Elliot,	3 20	
Andrew J. Young,	3 20	
James Morrison unknown,	3 20	
Michael Barrett,	3 20	
John Long taxed in No. 70,	3 20	
Benjamin Emerson,	3 60	
Aaron Corson,	3 47	
		35

Lafayette Hall's list for 1868.

Natt. W. Woodhouse left town,	3 50
Cha's H Drew,	2 10
Horace Reynolds,	2 10
Asa Miller,	2 38
Cha's J. Demeritt,	2 10
George H. Walker,	2 10
George W. Long,	2 10
William Wiggin,	2 10
Dudley P. Bickford, jr.,	2 94
Samuel Furber,	2 10
Charles F. Langley,	2 10
Nathaniel Elliot,	2 10
Charles E. Watson,	2 10
Isaac Hurd,	2 10
Warren Jones,	2 10
George Nealey,	2 10
George S. Ricker,	2 10
Cha's H. Place,	2 10
Benjamin Doe over 70 years,	2 10
Mark E. Willey deceased,	2 21
Patrick Behen overtaxed,	70
Robert Francis,	7 70
John M. Smith's heirs,	12 18
John Emerson,	7 00
John T. Emerson,	40

Sarah B. Drew,	1 40	
Sarah Drew,	1 40	
Ralph Corson's heirs,	70	
David O. Davis,	2 10	
John B. Chesley,	2 10	
Mary C. Willey,	1 40	
Aaron Corson,	2 40	
Benjamin Emerson,	2 46	
Andrew B. Thompson,	2 10	
Patrick Bresney,	2 10	
James Ryan,	2 10	
		92 82

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid interest on town notes,	1609 19
Notes,	5019 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Smart and Burnham for 3204 ft. bridge plank,	64 08	
Joseph Dame labor on bridge,	5 00	
Nathan Woodman labor on old Dover road bridge,	70 75	
Minot W. Langmaid,	10 00	
Eben T. Emerson,	15 74	
W. S. Meserve,	5 00	
Cha's H. Bunker on Laskey bridge,	2 25	
Job R. Giles iron work "	3 50	
G. J. Wiggin 293 ft. bridge plank,	5 86	
300 rails,	4 50	
J. S. Burnham for drawing plank and labor on Bunker's bridge, 8 days work, and 256 bridge plank,	17 37	
Joseph C Bartlett for carting lumber and labor on Kendall, Laskey and old Dover road bridges,	16 00	
		220 05

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, Minot W. Langmaid,	273 31	
2, Daniel Chesley,	91 62	
3, John S. Chesley,	104 74	
4, C. E. Demeritt, Madbury,	2 62	
Moses G. Woodman,	162 00	
5, Joseph French, Newmarket,	7 10	
Eben M. Davis,	169 17	
6, John F. Drew,	106 35	
7, Nathaniel Stevens jr.,	157 48	
8, John B. York,	133 58	
9, John Ham jr.,	134 40	
10, John O. Dame,	113 30	
		1455 74

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid Dist. No. 2, Daniel Chesley,	18 00	
6, Warren Smith,	25 00	
8, John B. York,	30 00	
J. S. Burnham, town treasurer, balance due.	20 00	
		93 00

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Morrill & Silsby books and stationary,	5 98
Samuel A. Haley stamps,	4 00
E. J. Lane books &c.,	2 25
Insurance on Town Hall building,	10 00
Job R. Giles, services as Police Officer,	4 00
Samuel Runlett, services as Town Clerk,	29 95
Micheal P. Norton, damages on sleigh,	50 00
Barrington tax,	2 50
Layfayette Hall, tax bills,	3 00
O. Newton Doe, True W. Thompson, B. Frank Dame, Supt. School Committe,	40 00
Lafayette Hall, services as collector of taxes, and school house taxes,	110 00
John Watson, damage to sheep by dogs,	6 00
B. Mathes, of Newmarket, making and collecting bank tax,	7 30

D. Lothrop & Co., paper and books,	3 00	
Non-resident, highway tax worked out,	42 32	
For collecting bank tax,	10 47	
Moses B. Langley, for cleaning hall,	2 50	
Moses O. Hodgdon, services as Police Officer,	10 00	
John Smart, cleaning Selectmens office, taking care of hearse,	4 00	
John H. Mathes, services as Selectman,	30 00	
Joseph C. Bartlett, " "	30 00	
" " returning invoice for 1867-8,	5 00	
" " Simmons lane road,	6 00	
" " returning order of notice, on petition of G. W. Frost, and others,	1 00	
Services to answer to summons at Dover, S. J. Court,	6 00	
Services as health officer,	3 00	
J. S. Burnham, services as Selectman,	30 00	
" returning invoice for 1867-8,	5 00	
Services on Simmon's lane road,	6 00	
Returning order on notice, on petition of G. W. Frost, and others,	1 00	
Service to answer to summons at Dover, S. J. Court,	6 00	
Services as health officer,	3 00	
Town Treasurer,	25 00	
John Langley, services as Police Officer,	4 00	
		508 27

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State tax for 1868,		2656 25
County tax for 1868,		1095 71
Balance on Bank stock tax due	81 20	
" Highway, "	19 33	
" Layfayette Hall's list for 1867,	14 13	
" " " 1868,	200 00	
		314 66
Paupers Expenses,		117 19
Joseph C. Bartlett, services as Overseer of poor,		50 00

Total amount of debtor, $13403.62.

CREDIT ACCOUNT.

Received	J. S. Burnham, balance in Treasury,	592 56	
"	Jackson & Mathes, wharf rent,	11 00	
"	Savings Bank tax, dividend for 1868,	616 50	
"	Railroad tax,	512 96	
"	Literary fund,	93 24	
"	United States bounties,	200 00	
"	Resident taxes,	6931 00	
"	Non-resident taxes,	224 00	
"	Non-resident highway taxes,	53 32	
"	Dog taxes,	40 00	
"	Bank stock tax, 1867,	38 60	
"	Borrowed of sundry Individuals,	3800 00	
"	Highway tax received,	141 67	
"	Bank stock for 1868,	595 00	
"	Use of Town Hall,	8 00	
"	Wm. P. Frost, store rent,	115 00	
"	School house taxes,	23 00	
			14065 85

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding bills,	76 00	
Snow bills,	59 88	
Abatements for 1867,		
do do 1868,		
Interest money paid on town notes,	1609 19	
Notes paid,	5019 00	
School money,	1455 74	
do House taxes,	93 00	
General expenses,	508 27	
Bal on bank stock tax due,	81 20	
do highway do	19 38	
do Lafayette Hall's list for '67	14 13	
ditto '68,	200 00	
State tax,	2656 25	
County tax,	1095 71	
Pauper expenses.	117 19	
J. C. Bartlett, services as overseer of poor,	50 00	
Cash in treasury,	662 23	
		14065 86

Indebtedness of the town as per last years report		22954 94
Notes paid more than borrowed,	1219 00	
Interest due on Butler & Chesley's note,	128 32	
Cash on hand,	662 23	
		2009 55
		20945 35
Add balance in Treasury for 1868,		592 56
Present indebtedness of the town,		21537 91
Reduction of town debt 1868,		1417 03

J. S. BURNHAM, } *Selectmen*
JOS. C. BARTLETT, } *of Durham.*

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them well vouched and accurately cast.

SAMUEL RUNLETT, } *Auditors.*
JOSEPH W. COE, }

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR FOR THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR THE YEAR 1868–9.

Paid John S. & E. Bennett for supplies furnished Mrs. Crayon,	$42 35
G. W. French for shoes for Mrs. Crayon,	2 50
J. S. & E. Bennett for supplies furnished Agnes Black and family,	33 19
Express for Agnes Black and family,	11 50
Abraham Getchell for board of the Eastman family,	7 00
Transportation for the above,	13 00
B. F. Parsons for board of Dr. Steele,	24 00
" transient paupers,	9 00
J. C. Bartlett for transportation and board of transient paupers,	5 95

Mrs. L. H. Goodwin for board aud care of the Brown child,	102 76
Moses C. Clark for supplies furnished to transient paupers,	9 50
Dudley P. Bickford for board of Martha E. Shaw,	14 25
J. W. Coe for supplies furnished Alfred S. Doe,	4 00
J. C. Bartlett transportation of paupers,	15 00
C. A. Whitton board, care and medical attendance of the Davis boy,	30 00
Mrs. L. H. Goodwin for board of Jannett Steele,	4 00
Town of Exeter for supplies furnished Mrs. S. B. Pike,	5 00
M. C. Clark " " Alfred S. Doe,	6 33
" board of Dr. Steele from March 5 to April 23,	4 00
Sophia Emerson for board of Davis girl,	3 00
John S. Chesley for clothing for "	7 37
J. C. Bartlett expense to Exeter on pauper case,	1 00
Boston,	5 00
Wolfeborough,	5 00
Exetor,	1 00
taking 15 affidavits,	5 00
postage and stationary,	1 50
M. C. Clark for board of Dr. Steele from April 23 to July 5, 1868,	15 10
J. S. Burnham for board and clothing for Davis girl,	16 00
	403 30

Cash received from county,	286 11
" " town treasurer,	117 19
	403 30

JOSEPH C. BARTLETT, *Overseer of Poor.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with the laws of the State, the Committee submit the following report of the schools for the year, ending March 1, 1869.

The names of those scholars who have not been absent or tardy, as reported by the teachers, will be found at the close of our remarks on each district.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Teachers who would be successful in other districts, would fail here; for no school in town requires more skill in management than this.—The teacher has manifested much tact in conducting the school, and has been quite successful. Possessing a natural talent for interesting and instructing her scholars. Good progress was made, and we have never seen this school appear better than at the examination, near the close of the second term.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Augusta Davis, Melvin K. Davis, George Ransam and Eddie Smart. Second term:—Mattie Runlett, Carrie Smart, Mary A. Jones, Georgie Langley, Julia Long and Eddie Smart.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Under the care of a teacher of *much* experience, this school has been quite successful throughout the year. The examination at the close of both terms was highly interesting, showing that the united efforts of the teacher and scholars had made the school profitable.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Fannie Pendexter, Carrie O. Chesley, Mary A. Chesley, Bessie Chesley, Mary A.

Jones, Hattie Willey, Daniel Chesley, Orrin F. Jones, Samuel Jones, Frank Palmer and Lewis Trask. Second term:—Frank Chesley, Lewis Trask, Daniel Chesley absent one-half day only.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

A teacher of considerable experience, coming from a distant town, has had charge of this school, during the year. She knew how to do her work, and has labored faithfully for the advancement of the school. The school was made up, in part, of scholars who were quite advanced in their studies, for those of their age. Almost without an exception, they appeared creditable to themselves and to their teacher.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy:—Forrest Smith, James Chesley, Stevie P. Chesley and Mary Bunker. Second term:—Mary J. Bunker, Stevie P. Chesley and Albert G. Hayes.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The school in this district, comprising the fall and winter terms, was under the care of a teacher of experience. We anticipated a successful school, and were not disappointed. Good order was secured without any apparent effort on the part of the teacher. The different classes gave satisfactory evidence of efficiency on the part of the teacher, and diligence on the part of the scholars. The school, when visited near the commencement of the second term, was orderly, prompt and studious. We regret that sickness and delay in receiving notice, prevented our visiting the school at its close.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Abbie S. Gilman. Second term:—Annie M. Woodman, Abbie S. Gilman.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The first term of this school was under the care of a teacher of good literary qualifications, but who proved herself too young and inexperienced to govern successfully the school assigned to her care. She worked hard, and there was a decided improvement in the order and deportment of the school at the close of the term. A few of the industrious scholars made commendable progress in their studies.

It is no small recommendation that the teacher of the second term has been employed seven terms in this district. She, therefore, has a knowledge of the school and its surroundings, as well as a practical idea of what constitutes a good school, and how to keep it. We found the school under good discipline, and the scholars prompt and effi-

cient in their studies. The exercises at the examination were satisfactory.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Anastasia Lang, Charles H. Tuttle, Herbert Tuttle. Second term:—George W. Tuttle Charles H. Tuttle, Herbert Tuttle, Frank E. Doe, John Sullivan, Mattie F. Davis, and Mary H. Doe. Absent only a day or two on account of sickness,—Mary E. Sullivan, Persis B. Wiggin, M. Esther Woodman, Fanny Wiggin, Annie L. Doe and Charles W. Hall.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The teacher of both terms, brought to the work a fine education, but no experience as a teacher. There seemed to be no special emulation among the scholars, but the deportment of the school was good, and the patient efforts of the teacher were rewarded with success alike creditable to herself and her pupils. This district has one of the best school-houses in town; and, though smaller and less pretending than the one at the village, being in a smaller district, it speaks with equal force of the liberality and good taste of the inhabitants of this district.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Angelina Downing, William Downing. Second term:—Martha A. Edgerly, Charles F. Drew, Angelina Downing.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both terms of this school were under the care of a teacher of little experience. The high rank of this school, for several years past, was well sustained at the close of the first term. Several scholars, quite advanced in their studies, would have done credit to a high school. The second term, part of the scholars realized but little benefit from the school, they were so irregular in their attendance.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Hannah A. Mathes, Emma F. Clark. Second term:—Emma E. Mathes.

Some of the scholars deserve special commendation for the perseverance and diligence in their studies. The names of those having the highest rank, are Hannah A. Mathes, Emma O. Mathes and Dolly C. Mathes. Hannah A. Mathes never failed in answering any question contained in any of her lessons during the term, and Emma O. Mathes failed only once. Dolly C. Mathes deserves the name of being the most persevering of the scholars, scarcely raising her eyes from her book, except at recitation. Those having the highest rank at the second term, are Emma E. Mathes, Charles A. Mathes and James F. Smart.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The first and second terms of this school were under the care of teacher, who has taught in five districts in this town. Under the tho- rough and faithful instruction of the teacher, the school made goo progress especially in the elementary principles during the first term The second term having been much interrupted by sickness, the scholar lost their interest in their studies, and, with few exceptions, their mott seemed to be, "all play and no work," and, consequently, the scho made but little progress. Between the two terms the teacher taught successful private school in this district.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy.—First term:—Maria J York, Lizzie Willey, Adella Stevens, Emma Richardson, Charles Coffi Henry Richardson and Lyman York. Second term:—Charles Coffi James Burnham, Lizzie Willey, Maria York, and Emma Richardson.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The patient and assiduous efforts of the teacher were not reward with the greatest success, in the matter of order, owing, in part, to t crowded state of the school. Where more than one scholar occupies seat, there will generally be more or less disorder. The second ter she was more successful, the discipline being a decided improvemen while the knowledge derived from the studies pursued, was very con mendable. The examination at the close of both terms, was made mo interesting by the speaking and singing of the scholars.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Charles W Chapman, Eddie C. Davis, Jennie E. Chapman, Captolia Thompson a Nellie Thompson. Second term:—Herbert A. Smith, Thomas Barre Jennie E. Chapman. Olin Stevens not absent or tardy for twelve wee when he was taken sick. Jennie E. Chapman says she has attend every term of school in this district for the last six years, without bei absent or tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The teacher of this school made her first attempt at teaching, in h own district. Considering the unfavorable circumstances under whi she commenced the school, we think she has done herself much cred She makes honorable mention of the older scholars for the respect th have shown her, and their endeavors to make the school profitable a pleasant. The examination at the close of each term showed commen able progress.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy,—First term:—Annie Blanchard, Lizzie M. Perkins, Nellie J. Perkins, George H. Carso

Clarence Perkins and Edward C. McKane. Second term:—Annie G. Blanchard and George H. Carson.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Having thus given an account of the condition of the schools during the year, we add a few remarks and suggestions.

In our belief, the schools of this town have been up to the average of former years, in value and efficiency, and, that taken as a whole, they have been a credit to the town.

During the year, eleven different teachers have been employed. Four of them have never taught before. Three of them were residents of Durham. With few exceptions they have discharged their arduous duties faithfully. Parents should co-operate with the teacher, and often visit the school-room, and see that their children are as diligent and studious as they should be. It would lessen the labors of the teacher by greatly increasing the interest of the scholars. It would put an end to much of the idle gossip which is too often circulated by ill disposed scholars. Parents cannot over-estimate the importance of sustaining the teacher in wholesome discipline; they must not listen to every report that comes from scholars, though their *own children*, nor be willing to cast their influence against the teacher, without a careful judgment; for without order there can be no such thing as progress. Our schools have suffered much from the non-attendance of the scholars; this is not only a great loss on the part of the scholars, but it disarranges all the classes in the school. Is it right to permit a child to stay away from school, for any amount of *teasing* when there is no *good* reason for it? We find in our schools too great a variety of text books, which is a great disadvantage to a school. One teacher remarked:—"the only fault of the school is the great number of classes, and the various kinds of text books,—these twenty-one scholars and twenty-nine classes." The school-houses in this town are in good condition, with the exception of the one in number nine, which needs some repairs.

O. NEWTON DOE,
TRUE W. THOMPSON,
B. FRANK DAME,
} *Superintneding School Committee.*

Durham, March 1, 1869.

DISTRICTS.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Weeks of School.	Teacher's Wages.	Different Scholars during the year.	Average Attend.	No. in Reading and Spelling.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in History.	No. in Penmanship	In other studies.
1	M. W. Langmaid.	1	Mary C. Cook, Dover, N. H.	14	30 00	48	41	48	12	39	23		34	
		2	"	16	34 00	62	53	62	17	50	21	7	47	2
2	Daniel Chesley.	1	Emily R. Bennett, Northwood, N. H.	9	26 00	*19	†16	19	3	15	10		16	5
		2	"	14	26 00	*16	†12	16	4	15	5		16	6
3	John S. Chesley.	1	Nettie S. Wheeler, Loudon, N. H.	9	18 00	17	†14	17	4	8	5		8	
		2	"	12	20 00	21	†18	21	4	12	10		12	
4	Gilman Woodman.	1	Sarah E. Hayes, Dover, N. H.	10	28 00	20	†14	20	3	16	10		14	2
		2	"	10	32 00	23	†18	23	6	18	12		16	2
5	Eben M. Davis.	1	Hattie A. Cowdly, No. Andover, Mass.	10	‡	26	†21	26	8	20	16		18	
		2	Mary J. Langley, Barrington, N. H.	13	26 00	32	†27	32	10	26	10		21	
6	Warren Smith.	1	Ruth F. Savage, New Market, N. H.	10	20 00	16	10	16	3	9	6		6	1
		2	"	19	24 00	15	12	15	1	12	7	1	7	
7	Nathaniel Stevens.	1	Annie M. Stevens, Durham, N. H.	8	22 00	21	†17	21	7	16	8		12	2
		2	"	15	24 00	20	†13	20	4	19	12		16	
8	John York.	1	Rhoda J. Davis, Lee, N. H.	7	26 00	30	†26	30	6	19	12		19	
		2	"	11	28 00	30	24	30	5	23	15		23	
9	John F. Ham, Jr.	1	Mary F. Chesley, Durham, N. H.	8	22 00	33	28	33	1	18	15		12	
		2	"	15	22 00	37	24	37	3	21	13		15	3
10	John O. Dame.	1	Georgie Dame, Durham, N. H.	8	25 00	20	†18	20	3	12	11		12	3
		2		9	25 00	21	†17	21	3	12	11		12	3

‡Not reported. *Number in Durham. †With a fraction.

Co. B. Philbrick

" D. Geo. P. Reynolds

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